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SUBJECT: AZERBAIJAN WILLING TO HOST DECEMBER 14 'TRILAT PLUS TWO' ENERGY MEETING

REF: A. A) STATE 195672

[¶](#)B. B) BAKU 1771

Classified By: Ambassador Anne E. Derse, Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[¶](#)1. (C) Per Ref A guidance, the Ambassador spoke with Energy Minister Natiq Aliyev on December 7 to express USG support for a December 14 follow-on Ministerial or higher level trilateral plus BP and Statoil meeting in Baku to discuss solutions for the upcoming winter's regional gas shortage. (As reported ref B, during a December 5 meeting with President Aliyev, the Ambassador had already secured his support for Baku hosting such a December 14 meeting.) Energy Minister Aliyev told the Ambassador that the President had told him about the GOAJ's sponsoring the proposed December 14 meeting the previous day, and that both he and the President were fully supportive of the idea, and of USG participation in such a meeting.

[¶](#)2. (C) The Energy Minister told the Ambassador that Azerbaijan had been having "strong discussions" with Turkey about 2007 gas deliveries, and that while he could not predict the Turkish position in Tbilisi on December 8, he was hopeful that it would be a cooperative one. Energy Minister Aliyev told the Ambassador he would give her a read-out of the December 8 Tbilisi meeting, and added that perhaps it would be a good idea for her, himself and representatives of BP and Statoil in Azerbaijan to meet after the December 8 Tbilisi meeting but before the proposed December 14 one.

[¶](#)3. (C) Embassy is awaiting the results of the December 8 Tbilisi trilateral before determining the next steps towards the possible December 14 follow-on.

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